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
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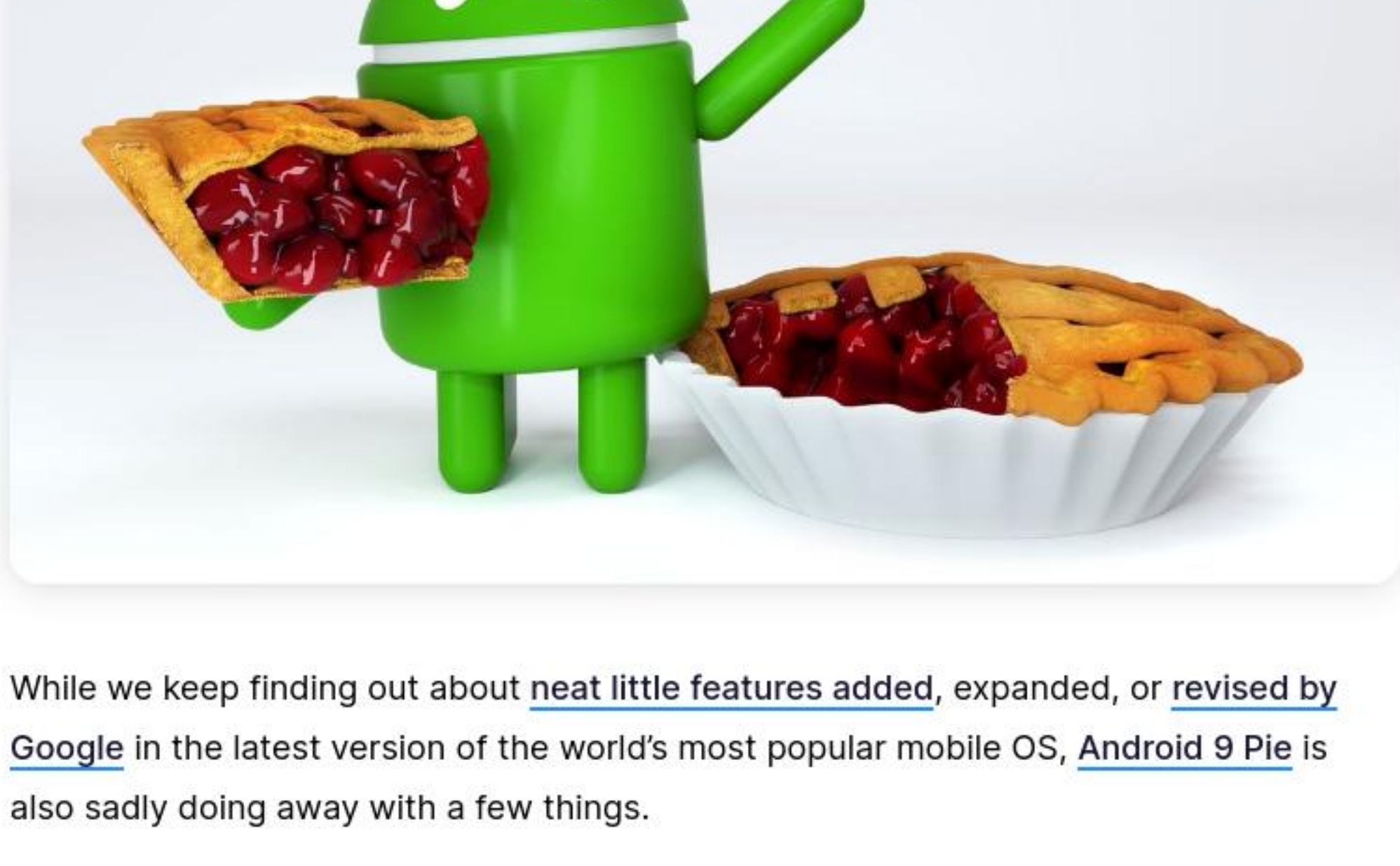
Android 9 Pie ditches call recording 'support', but rooting your phone will fix the 'problem'

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While we keep finding out about [neat little features added](#), expanded, or [revised by Google](#) in the latest version of the world's most popular mobile OS, [Android 9 Pie](#) is also sadly doing away with a few things.

Fret not, as we're obviously not talking any earth-shattering changes for the vast majority of smartphone users, but we're pretty certain a few folks will be disappointed to see call recording support go away.

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By default, Android handsets technically lacked the ability to record conversations before, which obviously didn't stop third-party developers from releasing apps with that exact purpose.

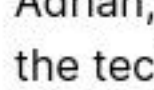
But a number of those third-party apps aren't playing nice with devices running Android 9.0, and [it's been confirmed that's because Google has "added more call recording limits"](#). The workaround that allowed Boldbeast Android Call Recorder and Call Recorder - ACR to do their thing "up until Android 8.1" has apparently been "closed", and by the looks of things, [no app will be able to "record calls properly" on "any Android 9 phone."](#)

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It's easy to guess why Google took action against a smartphone feature routinely used without the consent or knowledge of individuals being recorded. Security and privacy are among the most discussed topics surrounding every big new software or hardware launch, and the search giant couldn't let any loophole, no matter how small, threaten its reputation.

But at the end of the day, rooting your Android Pie phone should still allow Boldbeast developers, as well as many others, to "fix the problem." Just remember you'll be voiding your warranty, and make sure you know exactly what you're doing. Also, don't be a jerk and even think about recording anyone without telling them first.

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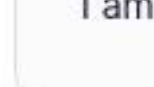
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
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I am very happy that my phone will never get updated to P 9.0...

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
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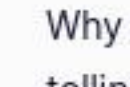


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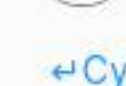


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Why should I tell the lying ass before recording the call? Call recording offers a good evidence, and telling the person beforehand defeats the purpose.

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
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Guess I won't be updating to Android 9 lol. Can you record phone calls on iPhones?

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[↪lyndon420](#) Yes and no, natively it doesn't. But there are apps that do that. But the better one are pretty expensive and they use weird solutions at times (like putting the call on hold, open the app, press record and then go back to the call again).

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/how-to-record-calls-iphone/>

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
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"Also, don't be a jerk and even think about recording anyone without telling them first."

You do know that it's perfectly legal in a lot of countries to record call without consent of other person? It is a totally d*ck move by google to block this functionality.

And it is really funny to see Google act concerned about user's privacy, LOL! These companies have complete bio data of every single user, their past, present, maybe even predict possible future with AI and track every single thing even without the consent of users, hint : Tracking location even when it is turned off.

Will OEMs still be able to provide inbuilt call recording functionality or not?

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

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"Also, don't be a jerk and even think about recording anyone without telling them first."

Tell that to Google, Facebook, agencies etc.



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that's sad. I was using it when calling call centers because why only them have the right to record? phone call threats are very frequent so no way to record them... and rooting the phone nowadays cripples the phone...


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




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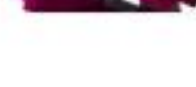
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